

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Original) A germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution, which is an aqueous liquid comprising chlorhexidine gluconate as a main ingredient, comprising:
  - (1) 1-10 w/v% of chlorhexidine gluconate;
  - (2) 1-10 w/v% of one or more selected from the group consisting of a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether and a polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether, each having an HLB of 10-15 and a congeal point of not more than 35°C;
  - (3) 0.001-0.5 w/v% of a water-soluble organic monocarboxylic acid having 2 to 6 carbon atoms; and
  - (4) water.
2. (Original) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of claim 1, wherein the water-soluble organic monocarboxylic acid having 2 to 6 carbon atoms is one or more selected from the group consisting of acetic acid, gluconic acid and gluconodeltalactone.
3. (Original) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of claim 1 or 2, further comprising a water-soluble alcohol having 1 to 3 carbon atoms at not more than 10 w/v%.
4. (Currently Amended) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of ~~any of claims 1-3~~ ~~claim 1 or 2~~, wherein an alkyl chain of polyoxyethylene alkyl ether is an alkyl group having 10 to 14 carbon atoms, and an alkenyl chain of the polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether is an alkenyl group having 14 to 18 carbon atoms.

5. (Currently Amended) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of ~~any of claims 1—4~~  
claim 1 or 2, wherein the number of moles of ethylene oxide addition in polyoxyethylene alkyl  
ether is within the range of 7 to 20, and the number of moles of ethylene oxide addition in  
polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether is within the range of 7 to 20.

6. (Original) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of claim 1, which has a  
chlorhexidine gluconate content within the range of 4-6 w/v%.

7. (Original) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of claim 1, wherein the content  
of one or more selected from the group consisting of polyoxyethylene alkyl ether and  
polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether, each having an HLB of 10-15 and a congeal point of not more  
than 35°C, is within the range of 2-7 w/v%.

8. (Original) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of claim 1, wherein the content  
of the water-soluble organic monocarboxylic acid having 2 to 6 carbon atoms is within the range  
of 0.01-0.2 w/v%.

9. (Currently Amended) The germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution of ~~any of claims 1—8~~  
claim 1 or 2, wherein the polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether is polyoxyethylene oleyl ether.

10. (Original) A germicidal antiseptic preparation to have a chlorhexidine gluconate content  
within the range of 0.05-0.5 w/v% by diluting the germicidal antiseptic composition for dilution

of claim 1 with water having a total hardness of not more than 300 mg/L or ethanol.

11. (Original) A method of preventing precipitation of chlorhexidine gluconate under dilution with hard water, which comprises simultaneously adding a water-soluble organic monocarboxylic acid having 2 to 6 carbon atoms and one or more selected from the group consisting of a polyoxyethylene alkyl ether having an HLB of 10-15 and a congeal point of not more than 35°C and a polyoxyethylene alkenyl ether having an HLB of 10-15 and a congeal point of not more than 35°C, to an aqueous liquid containing chlorhexidine gluconate as a main ingredient.